## **Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 320 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to consumer affairs.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 772, as introduced, Jones. Consumer affairs: intervention in state agency or court proceedings.

Under existing law, when the Director of Consumer Affairs finds that a matter or proceeding before a state agency or a state or federal court may substantially affect the interests of consumers within California, he or she or the Attorney General may intervene in that matter or proceeding and present the evidence and argument that he or she determines to be necessary to protect the interests of consumers.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 320 of the Business and Professions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 320. Whenever there is pending before any state commission,
- 4 regulatory agency, department, or other state agency, or any state
- 5 or federal court or agency, any matter or proceeding-which that
- 6 the director finds may affect substantially the interests of

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- 1 consumers within California, the director, or the Attorney General,
- 2 may intervene in such that matter or proceeding in any appropriate
- 3 manner to represent the interests of consumers. The director, or
- 4 any officer or employee designated by the director for that purpose,
- 5 or the Attorney General, may thereafter present to-such the agency,
- 6 court, or department, in conformity with the rules of practice and
- 7 procedure thereof, such the evidence and argument as he shall
- 8 determine that he or she determines to be necessary; for the
- 9 effective protection of the interests of consumers.